

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 17th June 2012

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## Silent Key

We have just heard with regret of the death on Tuesday, 22nd May of Dan Byrne EI2CK , 35 Endsleigh, Douglas Road, Cork. Dan's funeral took place on Thursday 24th May after Requiem Mass in St. Columba's Church to St. Finbarr's Cemetery. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

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## Silent Key

The many friends of Joe Clarke CEng MIEI EI5CI will be sad to hear of his death on the 13th of June 2012, peacefully at his residence. A long time radio experimenter he was very knowledgeable in data modes and with Michael Lawlor EI3CN and Dermot Flanagan EI6FZ he was responsible for setting up the Dublin Digipeater in the late 1980's. In the early days of packet he operated his own bulletin board using a Commodore 64 Computer. A popular and approachable amateur he helped many getting started in computers and packet radio. Joe worked in electronics and held posts in the old Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin Airport and Siemens Nixdorf eventually starting his own company Network Facilities. He resided for many years at Cowper Road, Rathmines, Dublin and later moved to Tinahely, County Wicklow. He will be sadly missed by his wife Maura, sons Ronan and Aodan, daughters-in-law Christine and Anne, Godson, relatives and friends. Ta se imithe ar sli na firinne anois. Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis.

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## Counties Contest

A brief reminder that the IRTS 80 metres Counties Contest takes place today, Sunday 17th June. The contest runs from 14:00 to 17:00 UTC, and covers both CW and SSB. See the IRTS Contests page [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) for the full rules: note, in particular, the need to observe the Band Plan - the relevant frequency ranges are listed in the contest rules.

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## Change in 40 Metre News Frequency

The present 40 metre radio news frequency has become increasingly busier on Sunday

mornings. This has lead on occasions to some difficulty in the reception of both the bulletins and the reports on the transmissions. It has been decided, therefore, to move the transmission of the 40 metre news to a new frequency of 7123 kHz on and from Sunday the 1st of July. This frequency was selected after monitoring a range of frequencies over a period of time by amateurs who use this particular transmission of the radio news bulletin.

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## **EI0IRTS**

Affiliated clubs and individuals are invited to help put EI80IRTS on the air in this our 80th Anniversary year. If you or your club wish to use EI80IRTS please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB at ei4gxb /at/ gmail.com or Thos Caffrey EI2JD at thoscaffrey /at/ hotmail.com. Reports from SWL's are particularly welcome and a very attractive award is available for working the station.

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## **DX News**

Jeff N6GQ will be in Malta from 17 – 29 June. He will sign 9H3ZZ and QSLs go via his home callsign and Logbook of the World.

For those needing Iceland on 6m look out for TF/VE3MMQ and TF/VE3IKV between 17 and 30 June. These stations will be activated by W4TAA and VE3IKV from the south coast of Iceland. They will run 100w to an 8 ele yagi.

Members of the Telford and District Amateur Radio Society will be visiting Guernsey from 22 – 27 June. Their callsign will be GP3ZME/P and they will operate all bands 160 – 6m plus VHF and UHF. QSLs go via G3ZME.

Uli DL9WVM will be back in Dubai until 30 June where he will sign A6/DL9WVM. While there he will look into the possibility of operating from Dibba Rock in the Gulf of Oman which may count as AS-124 for the IOTA award..

Steve G3ZVW is QRV as V73/AF6SU until the end of the month. He is using the V73AX club station on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. QSL to G3ZVW direct or bureau.

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## **German radio hams gain access to 472-479 kHz**

Radio amateurs in Germany are now allowed to operate in the new 472-479 kHz band.

Power limit is 1 watt e.r.p , max. bandwidth 800 Hz.

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### **BBC is developing 3D radio**

Researchers at the BBC's technology unit, BBC R&D, have been developing acoustics that can trick the listener into believing they are really at events such as concerts with sound coming from every direction - even above and below.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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